

Derivation of qualitative dynamical models from biochemical networks

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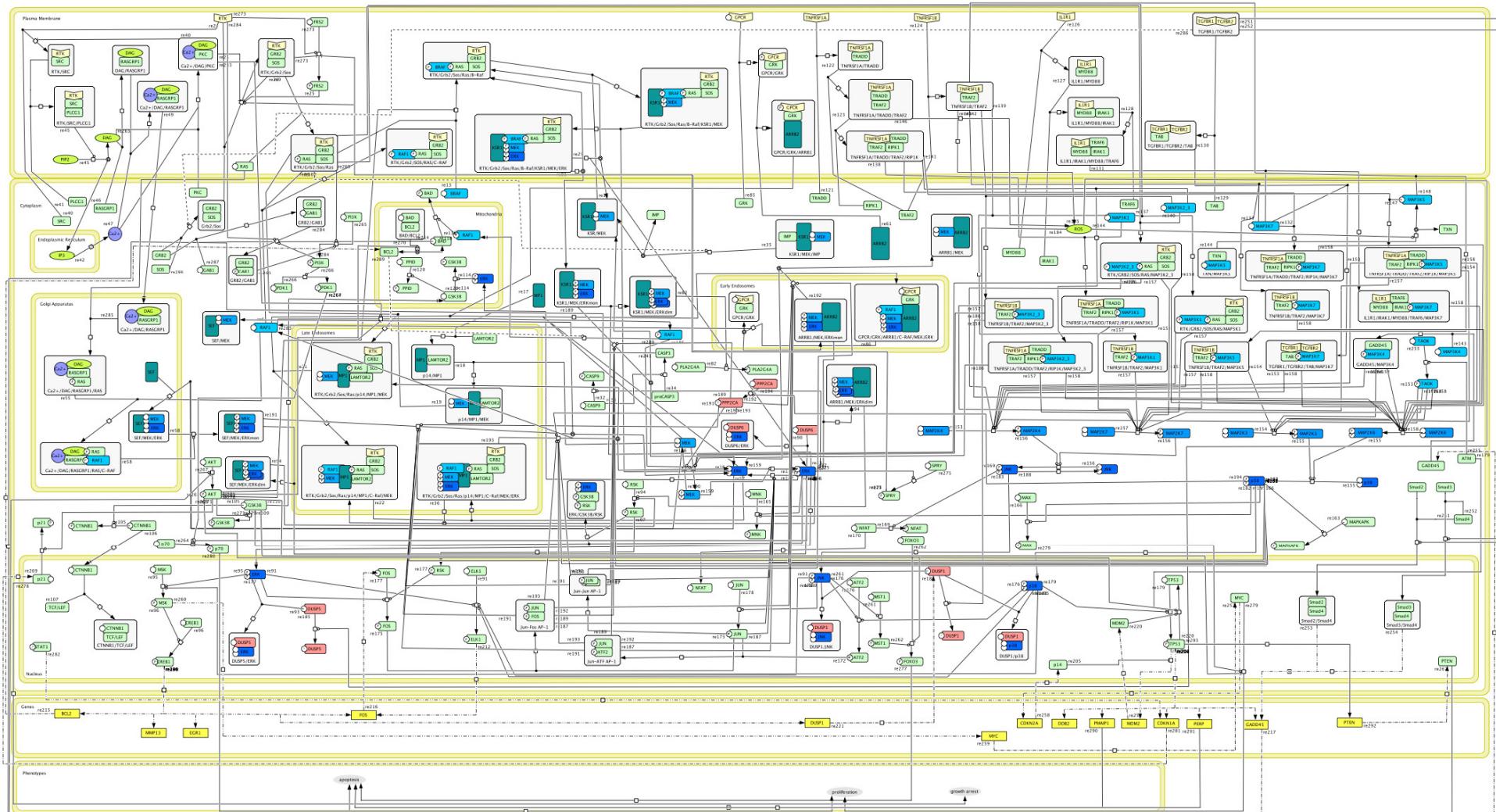
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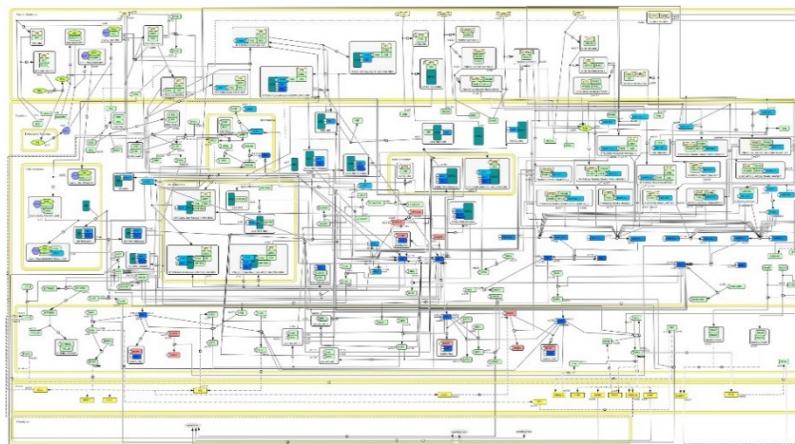
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Molecular interaction map representing the MAPK network (involved in cell decision)



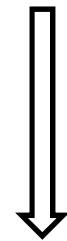
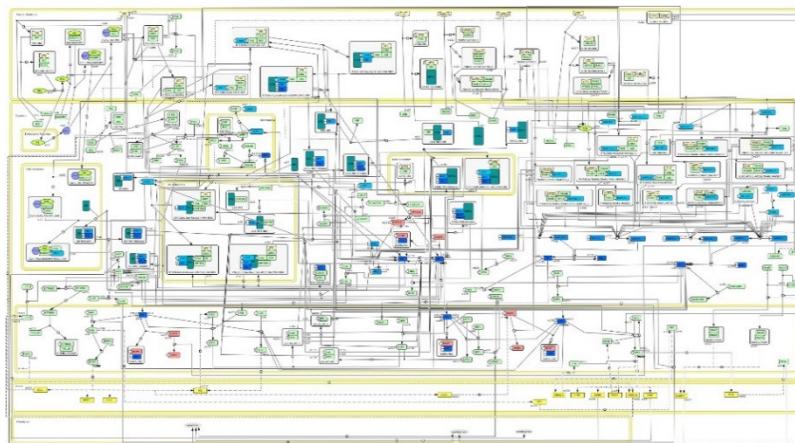
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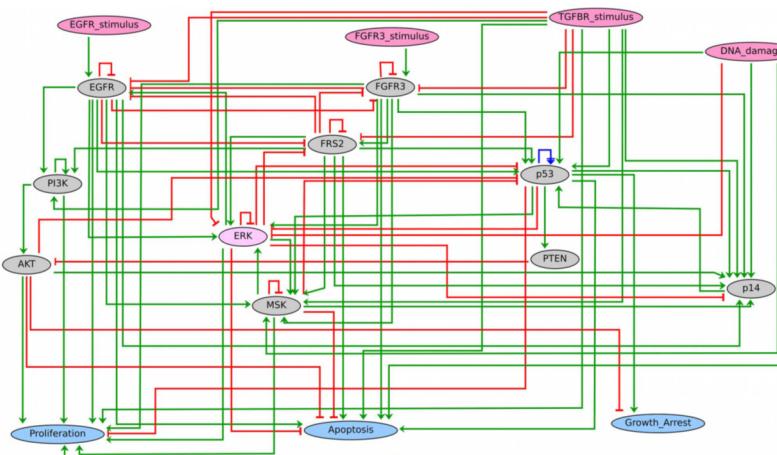


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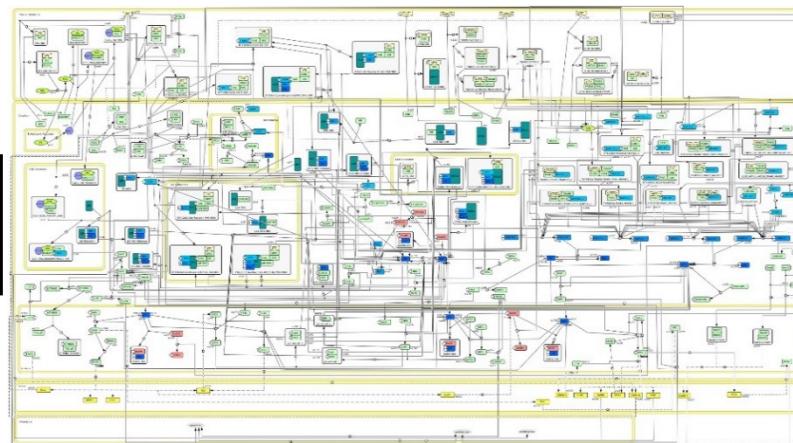
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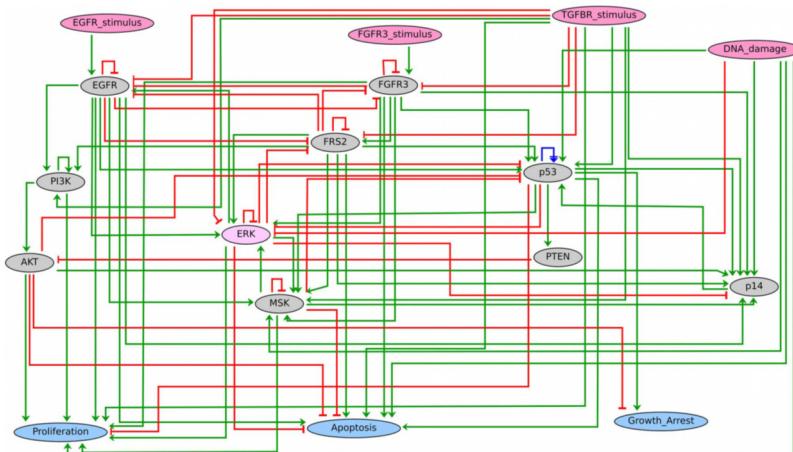
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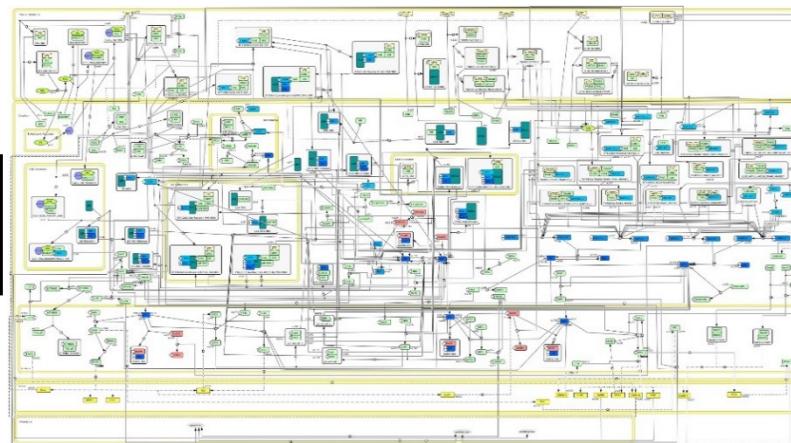
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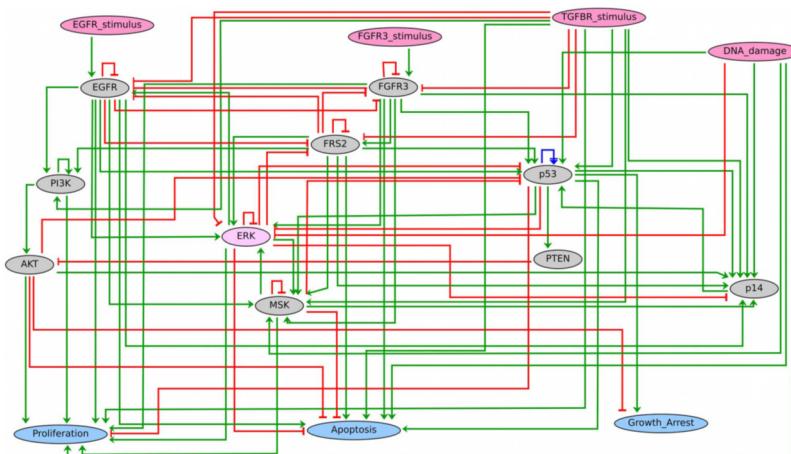
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Abstract interpretation

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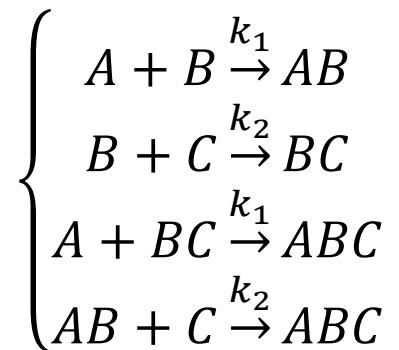
Case studies

Two case studies showing properties of interest

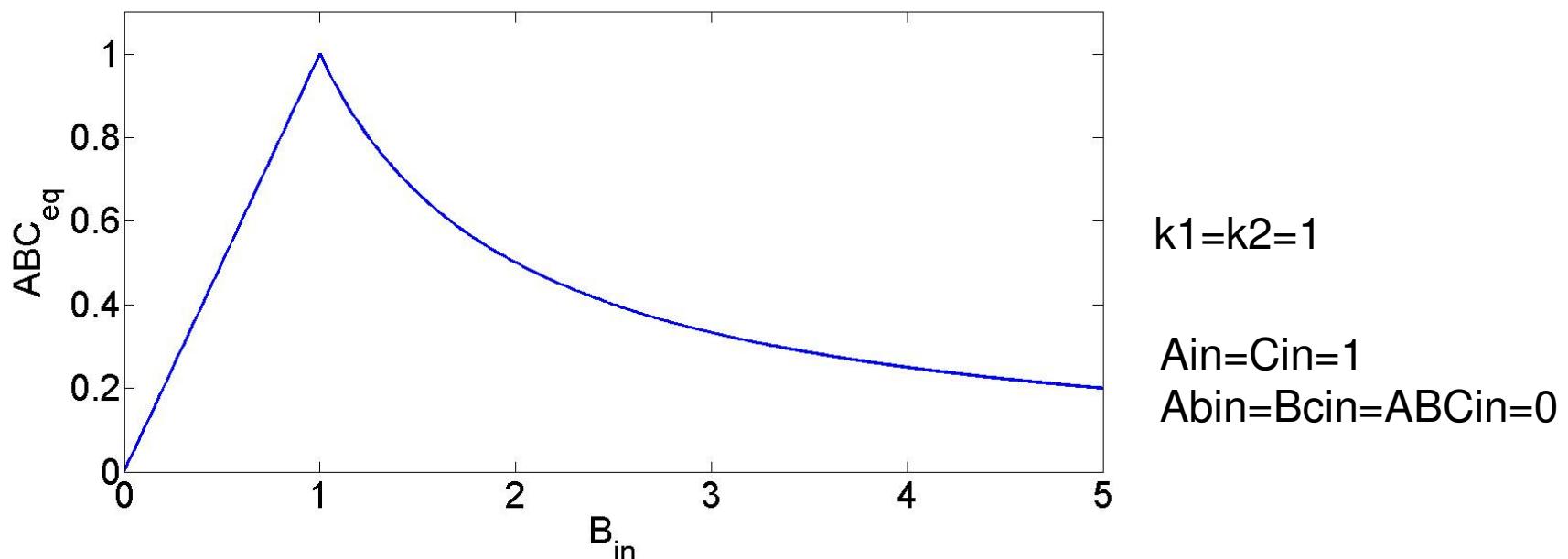
- A biochemical network showing a sequestration effect of a resource
- A biochemical network showing a race between unary and binary reactions

A case study showing a sequestration effect

- Reaction scheme:

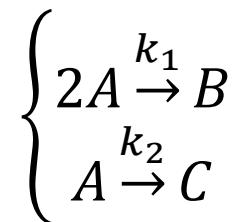


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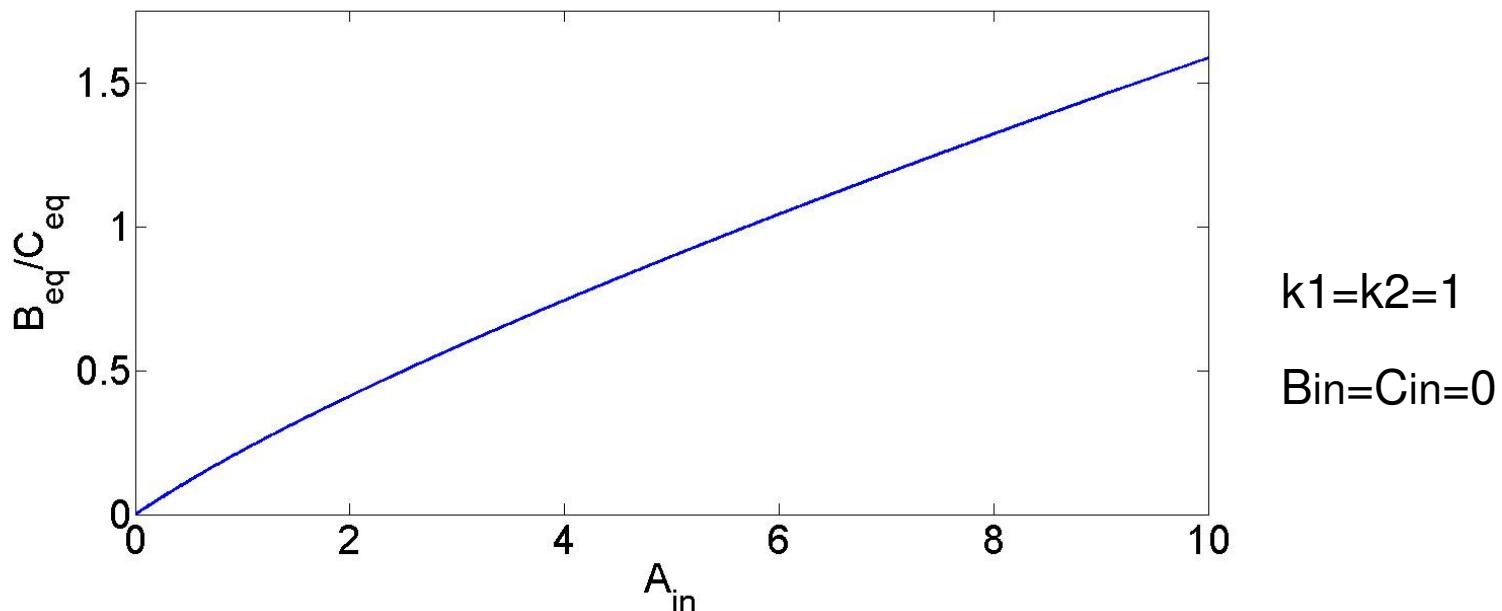


A case showing a race between unary and binary reactions

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Aim and method

- **Aim:** derivation of qualitative dynamical models from reaction networks which capture the salient properties of these two case studies
- **Method:** abstract interpretation framework for the formalisation of properties

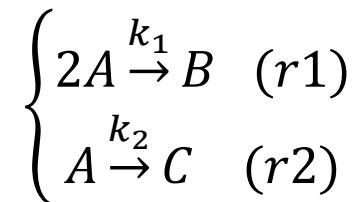
Reaction network

- **Definition**

A network R of n reactions is a pair $(\nu, (M_r, V_r)_{1 \leq r \leq n})$, where:

- (i) ν is a set of chemical species;
- (ii) for each integer r between 1 and n ,
 - (a) $M_r : \nu \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is a multi-set of chemical species,
 - (b) and $V_r : \nu \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is a reaction vector, such that $M_r(x) + V_r(x) \geq 0$ for any $x \in \nu$.

- **An example**



- $\nu = (A, B, C)$

- $V_{r1}(A) = -2, V_{r1}(B) = 1, V_{r1}(C) = 0$

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Trace semantics

- **Transition system**

A reaction network $R \triangleq (\nu, (M_r, V_r)_{1 \leq r \leq n})$ induces a transition system (\mathcal{Q}_R, T_R) where:

- (1) \mathcal{Q}_R is the set \mathbb{N}^ν of the functions between ν and \mathbb{N} ;
- (2) T_R is the subset of $\mathbb{N}^\nu \times \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket \times \mathbb{N}^\nu$ that contains all the triple (q, r, q') such that, for all chemical species $x \in \nu$:
 - (a) $M_r(x) \leq q(x)$
 - (b) $q'(x) = q(x) + V_r(x)$.

- **Pretraces**

For any two sets A and Σ , a pretrace of elements of A and labels in Σ is an element of the set $A \times (A \times \Sigma \times A)^\star$.

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A trace is a pretrace such that $(a'_0, (a_i, \lambda_i, a'_i)_{1 \leq i \leq k})$ such that $a_i = a'_{i-1}$ for any integer i between 1 and k .

- **Trace semantics**

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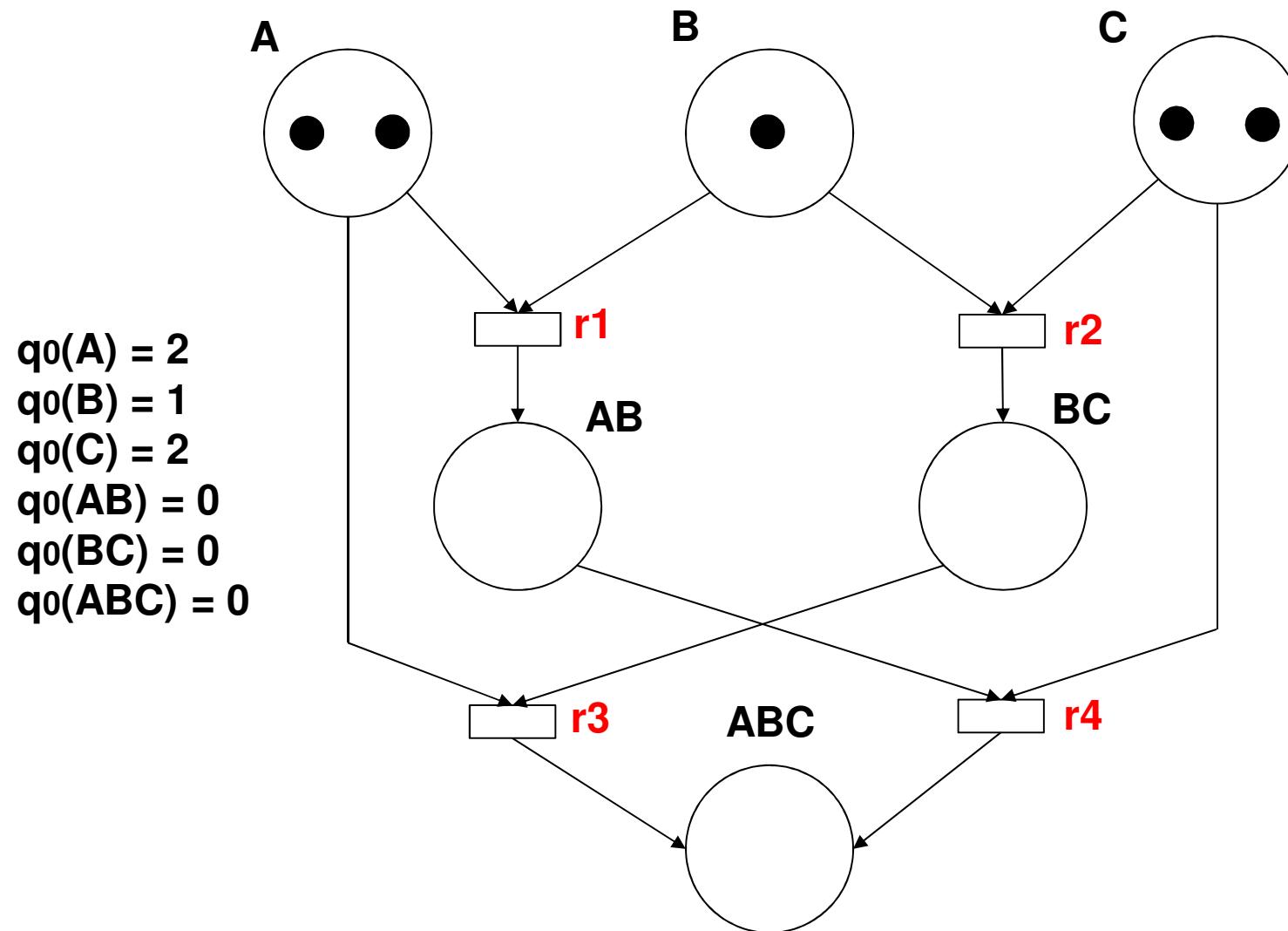
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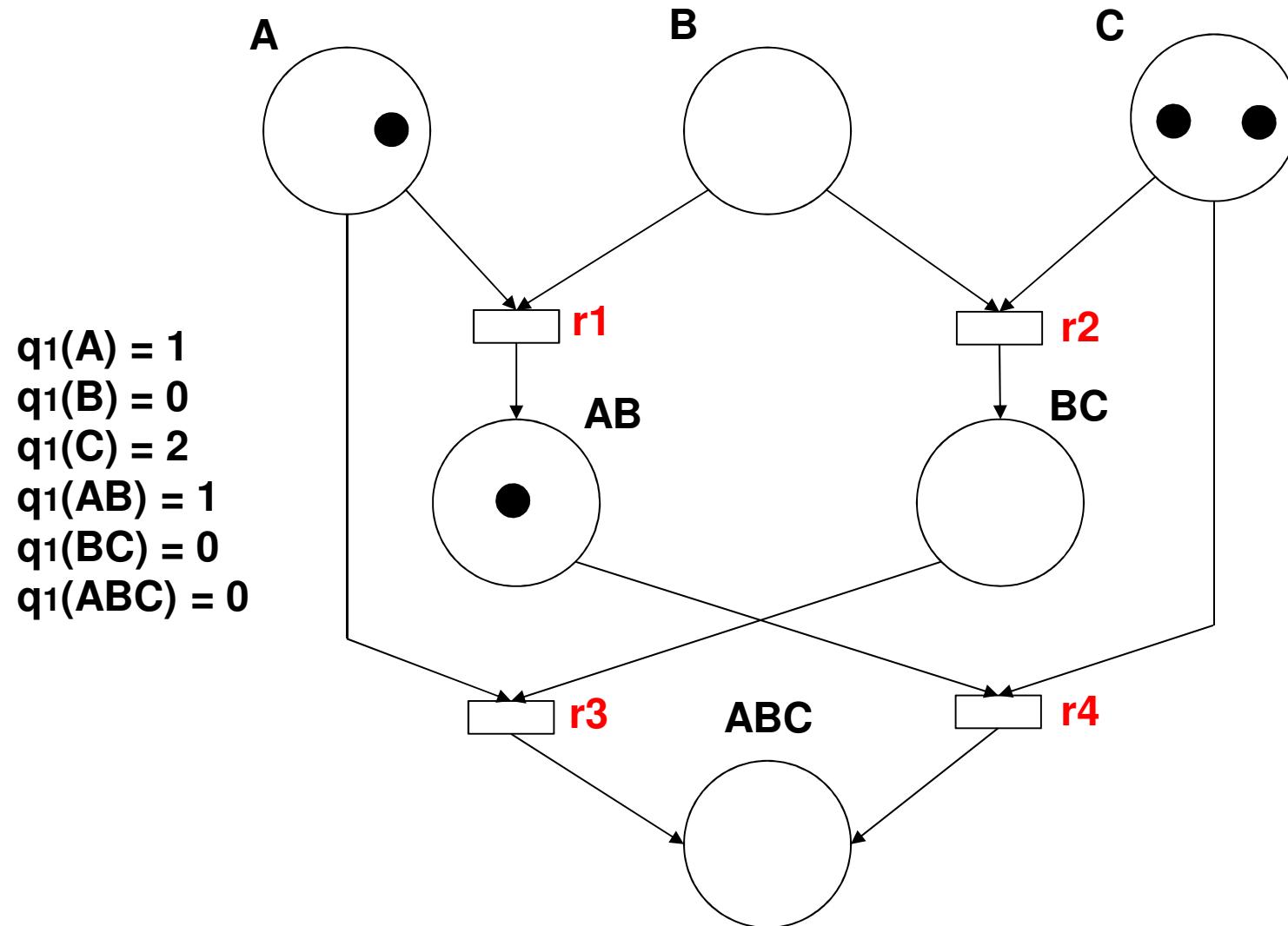
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$$lfp \mathbb{F}_{\mathcal{Q}_{R,0}} = \mathcal{T}_{R, \mathcal{Q}_{R,0}}$$

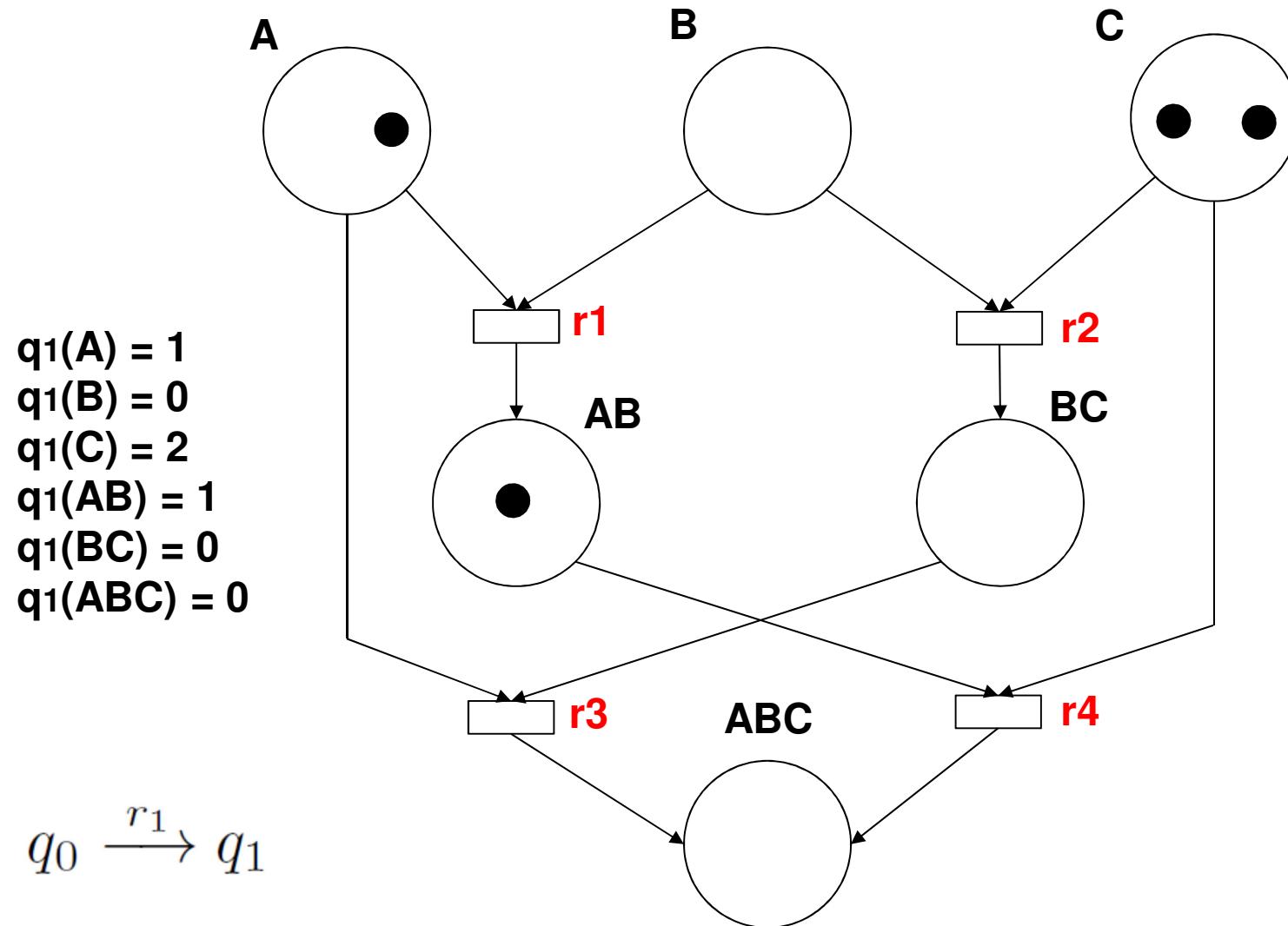
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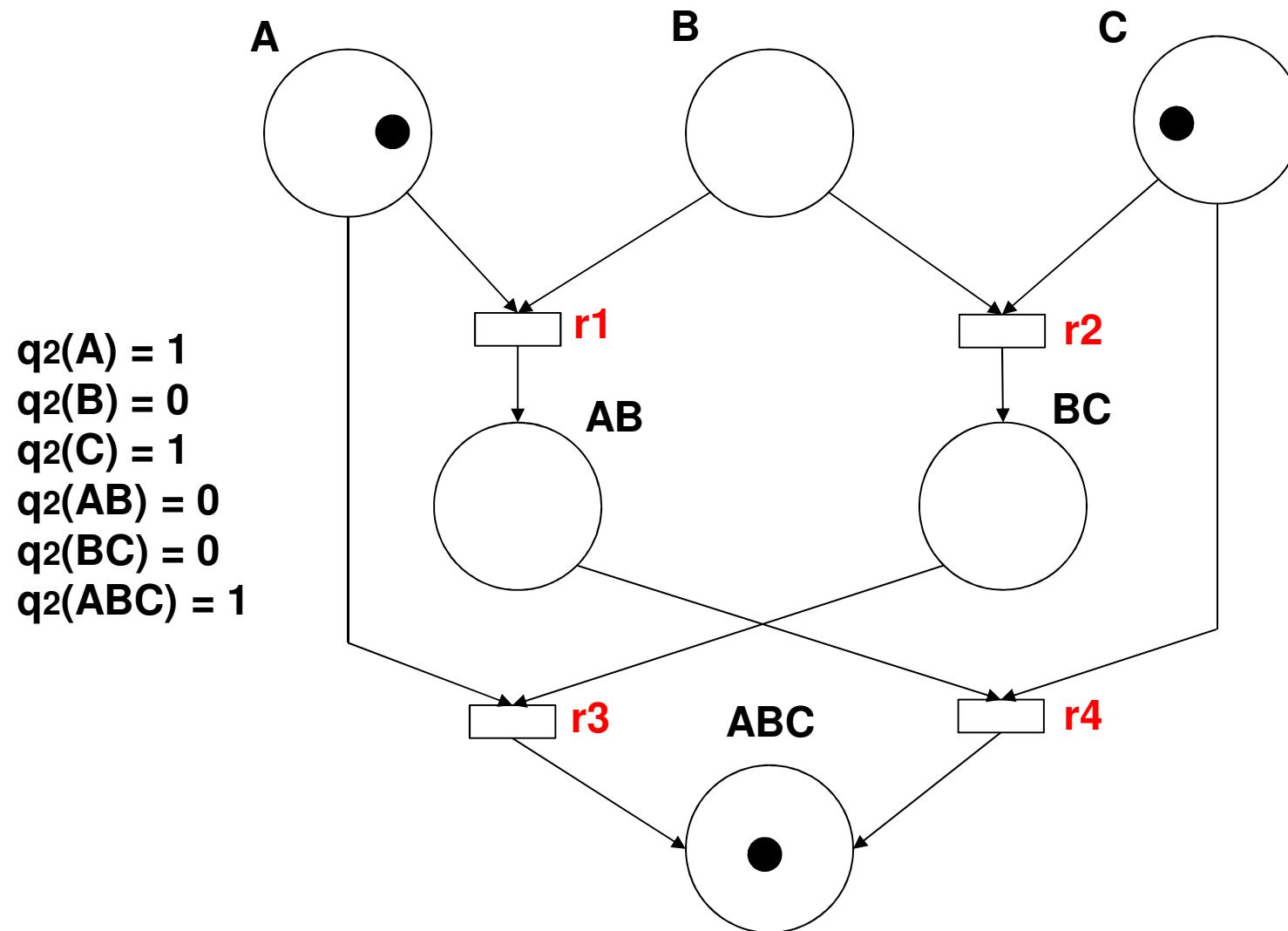
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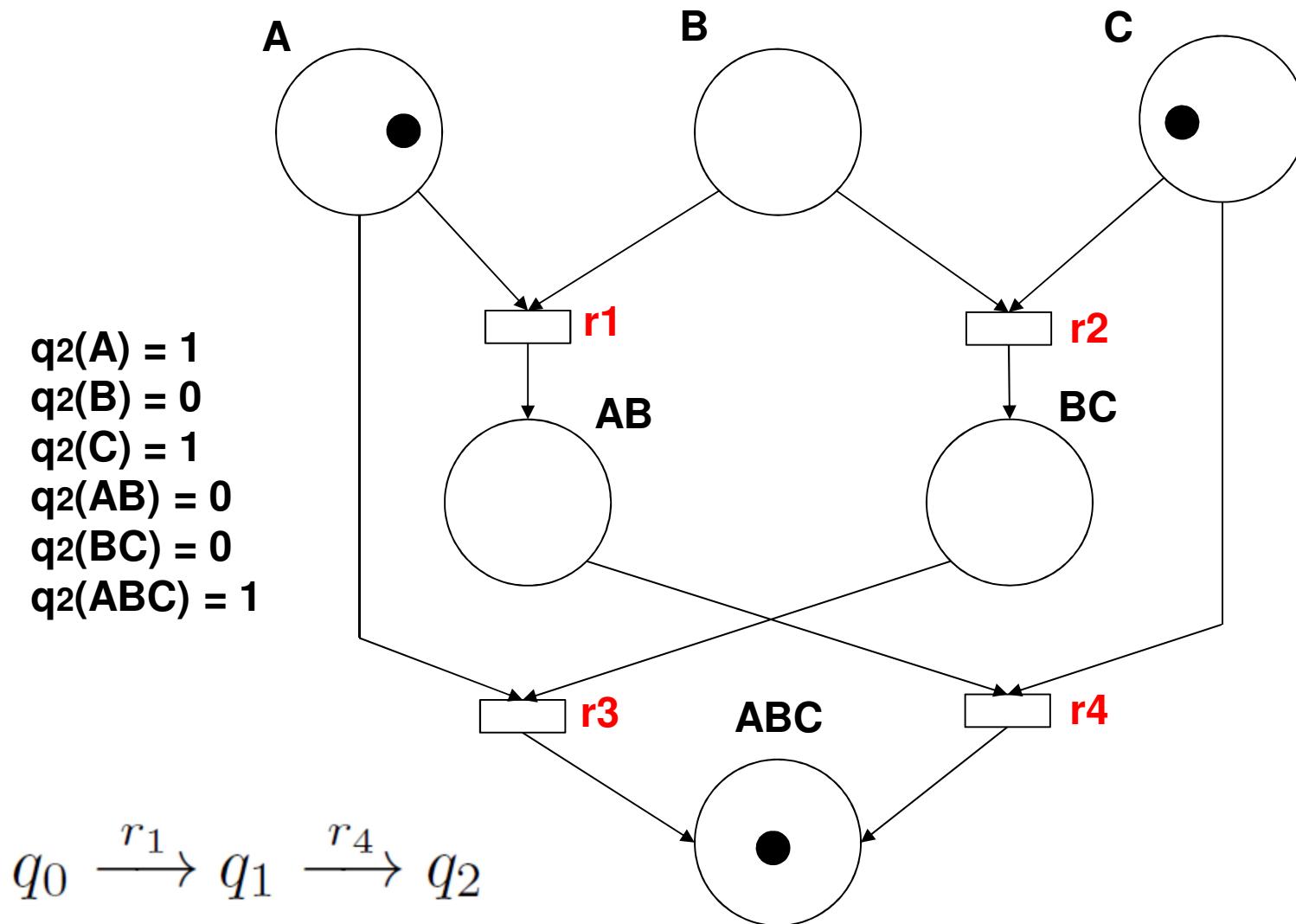
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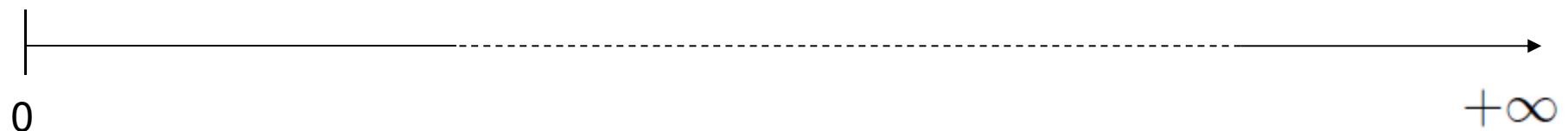
Derivation of a coarse-grained qualitative semantics

- Derivation of the abstract semantics using abstract interpretation framework
- Abstraction of values: quotienting of the domain of values by intervals
- Abstraction of traces: suppression of the ‘silent’ transitions

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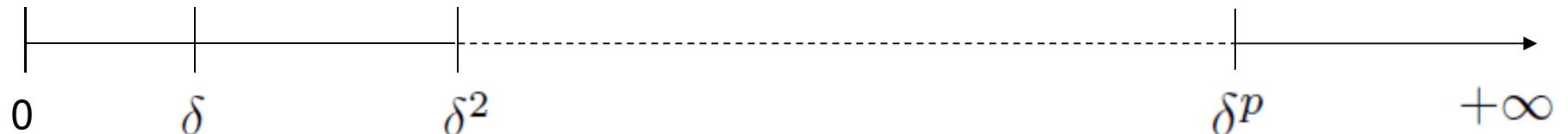
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$\llbracket 0, p \rrbracket$

Derivation of a coarse-grained qualitative semantics

- **Abstraction of values:**

$$\beta^v : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^+ \longrightarrow \llbracket 0, p \rrbracket \\ t \longrightarrow \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \in [0, \delta[\\ k & \text{if } t \in [\delta^k, \delta^{k+1}[\text{ for } k \in \llbracket 1, p - 1 \rrbracket \\ p & \text{if } t \in [\delta^p, +\infty[\end{cases} \end{cases}$$

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- (2) T_R^\sharp , is the subset of $\llbracket 0, p \rrbracket^\nu \times \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket \times \llbracket 0, p \rrbracket^\nu$ defined by:

$$(q^\sharp, r, q'^\sharp) \in T_R^\sharp \Leftrightarrow \exists (q, r, q') \in T_R \text{ s.t. } q^\sharp = \beta^v \circ q \text{ and } q'^\sharp = \beta^v \circ q'.$$

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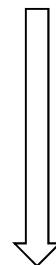
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$$(q_0'^\sharp, q_1^\sharp \xrightarrow{r_1} q_1^\sharp, q_2^\sharp \xrightarrow{r_2} q_2'^\sharp)$$

$$\downarrow \beta_2^t$$

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Derivation of a coarse-grained qualitative semantics

- **Abstraction of prétraces**

$$\beta^t = \beta_2^t \circ \beta_1^t$$

$$\beta_1^t : \begin{cases} \mathcal{Q}_R \times T_R^\star \longrightarrow \mathcal{Q}_R \times T_R^\star \\ (q'_0, (q_i, r_i, q'_i)_{1 \leq i \leq k}) \longmapsto (\beta^s(q'_0), (\beta^s(q_i), r_i, \beta^s(q'_i)))_{1 \leq i \leq k} \end{cases}$$

$$\beta_2^t : \begin{cases} \mathcal{Q}_R^\sharp \times T_R^{\sharp\star} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Q}_R^\sharp \times T_{R/\varepsilon}^{\sharp\star} \\ (q_0^\sharp, (q_i^\sharp, r_i, q_i^\sharp)) \longmapsto (q_0^\sharp, (q_{\sigma(i)}^\sharp, r_i, q_{\sigma(i)}^\sharp)) \end{cases}$$

where $\sigma(i)$ ranges over the set $\{i \in [\![1, k]\!] \mid q_i^\sharp \neq q_i^\sharp'\}$ in increasing order.

Derivation of a coarse-grained qualitative semantics

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$$\mathbb{F}_{\mathcal{Q}_{R,0}}^\sharp : \begin{cases} \wp(\mathcal{Q}_R^\sharp \times T_{R/\varepsilon}^{\sharp\star}) \longrightarrow \wp(\mathcal{Q}_R^\sharp \times T_{R/\varepsilon}^{\sharp\star}) \\ X \longmapsto \{(\alpha^t \circ \mathbb{F}_{\mathcal{Q}_{R,0}} \circ \gamma^t)(t) \mid t \in X\} \end{cases}$$

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(α^t, γ^t) is a Galois connection.

Derivation of a coarse-grained qualitative semantics

- **Abstract trace semantics**

$$\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{Q}_{R,0}}^\sharp = \text{lfp } \mathbb{F}_{\mathcal{Q}_{R,0}}^\sharp$$

- **Theorem of fixpoint transfert**

For any reaction network R and any set of initial states $\mathcal{Q}_{R,0} \subseteq \mathcal{Q}_R$:

$$\text{lfp } \mathbb{F}_{\mathcal{Q}_{R,0}} \subseteq \gamma^t(\text{lfp } \mathbb{F}_{\mathcal{Q}_{R,0}}^\sharp).$$

Derivation of a coarse-grained qualitative semantics

- **Property**

- (1) For any abstract transition $(q^\#, r, q'^\#) \in T_R^\#$, if $\delta > V_\infty$, then:
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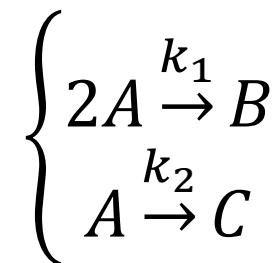
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→ Too coarse abstraction!

Application to the case study showing a race between unary and binary reactions

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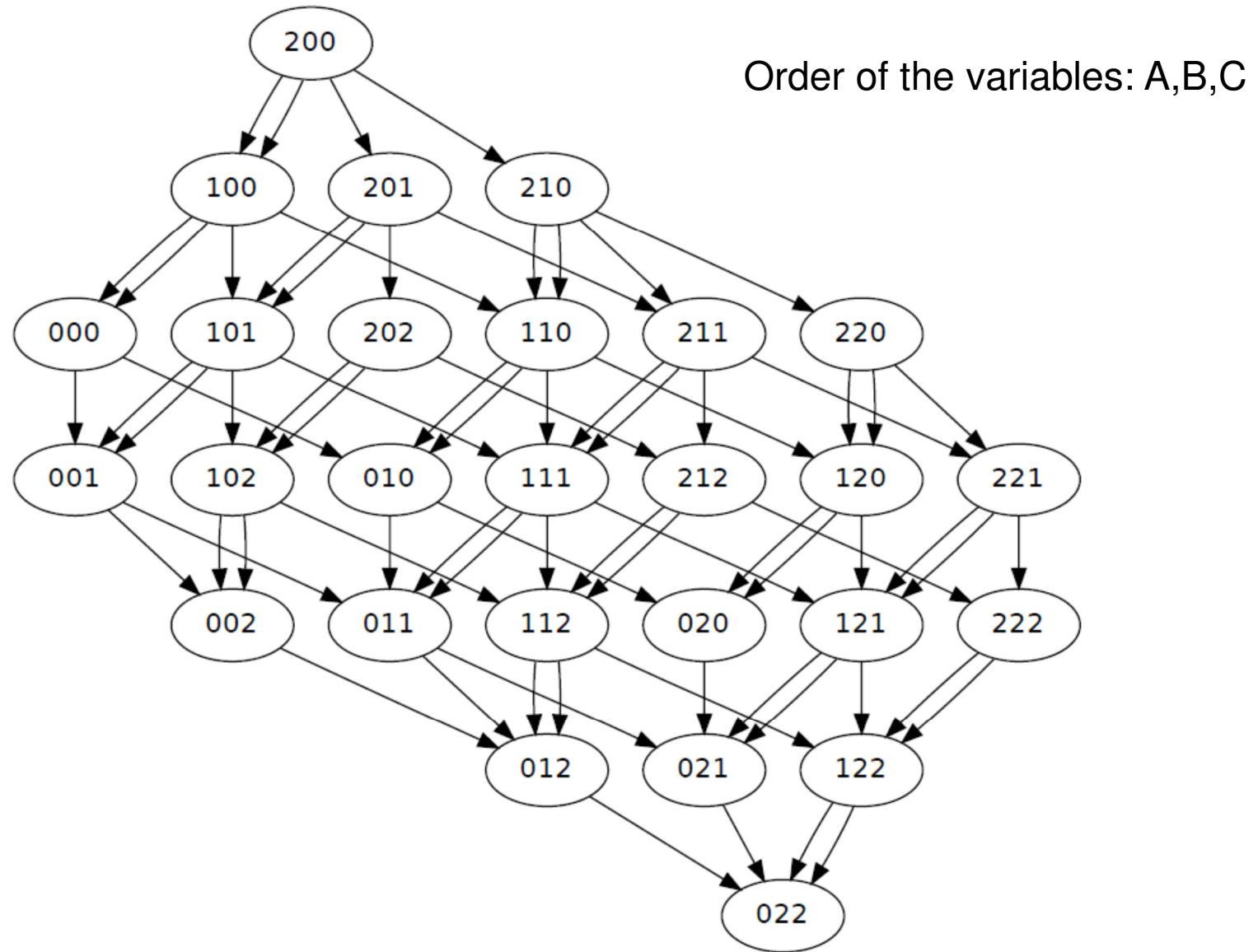


- Properties

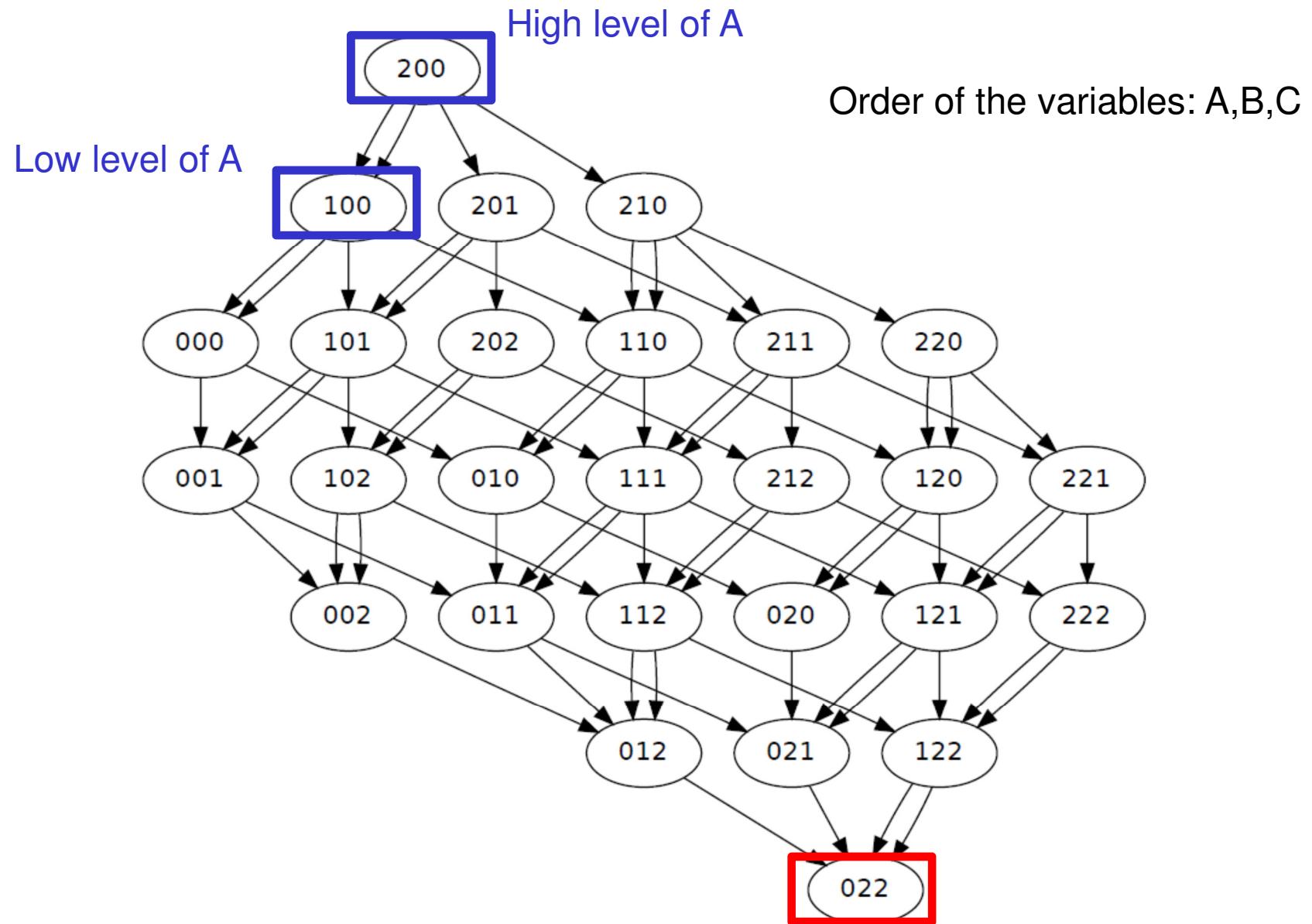
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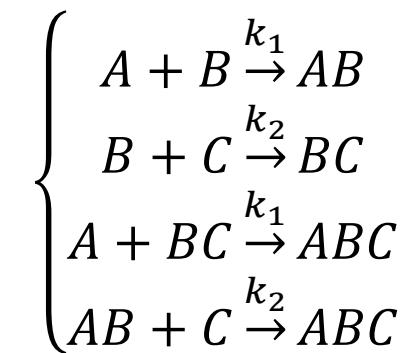
Refinements of the abstract semantics

Introduction of three refinements

- Mass invariants
- Limiting resources for the crossing of intervals
- Incorporation of kinetic information

Mass invariants

- An example of mass invariant in our case study



$$q(A) + q(AB) + q(ABC) = A_T$$

$$q(B) + q(AB) + q(BC) + q(ABC) = B_T$$

$$q(C) + q(BC) + q(ABC) = C_T$$

Mass invariants

- Trace invariant

$$inv \subseteq \mathcal{Q}_R \times T_R^* \text{ s.t. } \mathbb{F}_{\mathcal{Q}_{R,0}}(inv) \subseteq inv$$

- Theorem (abstract trace semantics with invariants)

Let $\mathcal{Q}'_{R,0} \subseteq \mathcal{Q}_{R,0}$ and $inv \subseteq \mathcal{T}_{R,\mathcal{Q}_{R,0}}$ s.t. $\mathbb{F}_{\mathcal{Q}'_{R,0}}(inv) \subseteq inv$. Then:

$$\mathcal{T}_{R,\mathcal{Q}'_{R,0}} \subseteq \gamma^t(lfp [Y \mapsto \mathbb{F}_{\mathcal{Q}'_{R,0}}^\sharp(Y) \cap \alpha^t(inv)]).$$

Mass invariants

- Property (computation of the invariant in the abstract)

$$(a_x)_{x \in \nu} \in \mathbb{N}^\nu \setminus \{0\}^\nu$$

$$b \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$q^\sharp \in \mathcal{Q}_R^\sharp$$

$$S = \sum_{x \in \nu} a_x$$

$$q_{max}^\sharp = \max\{k \in \llbracket 0, p \rrbracket \mid \exists x \in \nu, a_x > 0 \wedge k = q^\sharp(x)\}.$$

We assume that $S < \delta$. Then, if either $S\delta^{\beta^v(b)} \leq b$ or $\beta^v(b) = 0$:

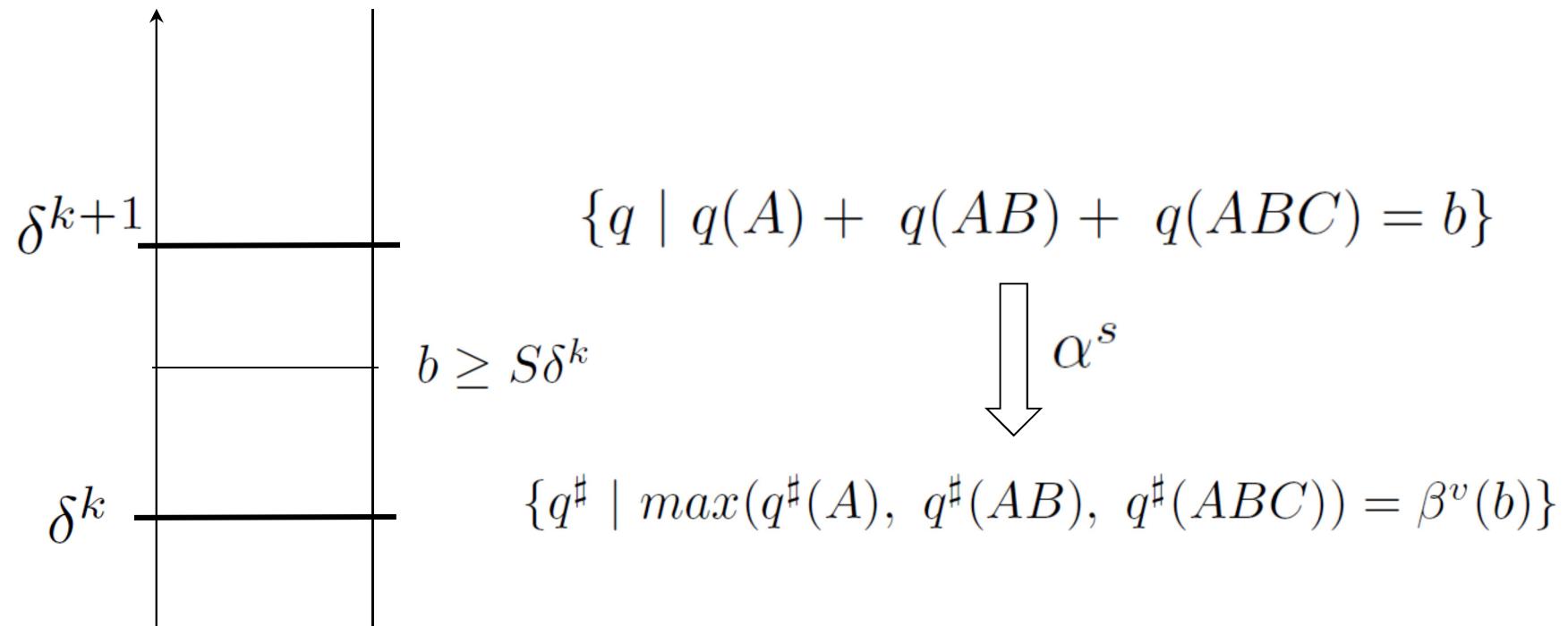
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Otherwise:

$$\alpha^s(\{q \in \mathcal{Q}_R \mid b = \sum_{x \in \nu} \alpha_x q(x)\}) = \{q^\sharp \in \mathcal{Q}_R^\sharp \mid q_{max}^\sharp \in \{\beta^v(b) - 1, \beta^v(b)\}\}.$$

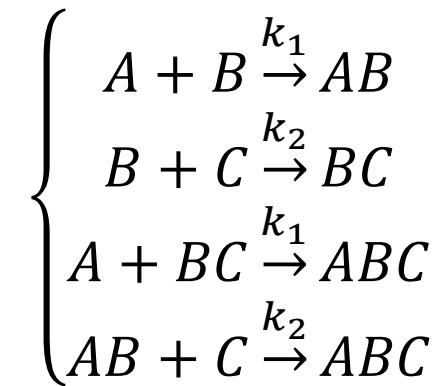
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Limiting resources for interval crossing

- An example in our case study



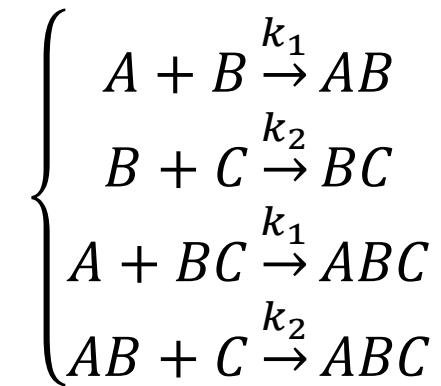
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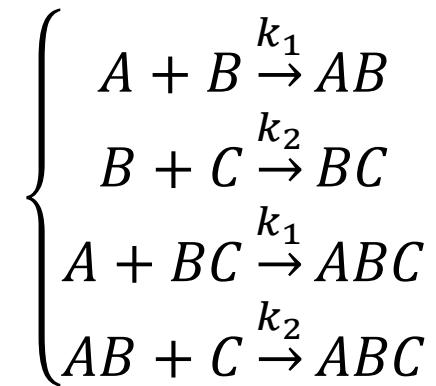


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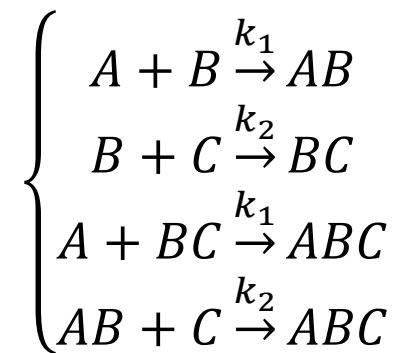


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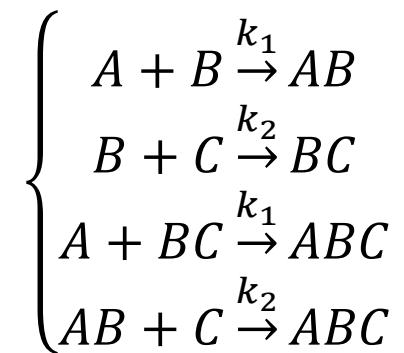
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Cannot capture the sequestration effect if we do not neglect the reaction

$A + BC \rightarrow ABC$ when $B \gg 1$ and $BC \ll 1$

Scale separation

- Assignment of a kinetic function to each reaction

$$k_r(q) \subseteq \wp(\mathbb{R}^+) \setminus \{\emptyset\}$$

- Separation of time scales encoded by a subset $Sep \subseteq (\mathbb{R}^+)^2$

- Refinement of the concrete transitions

$(q, r, q') \in T_{R, Sep}^{\text{TIME}}$ s.t. for each $(r, q'') \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket \times \mathcal{Q}_R$:

$$(q, r', q'') \in T_R \Rightarrow (\max(k_r(q)), \min(k_{r'}(q))) \notin Sep$$

- Parameter $slow^\# \subseteq \mathcal{Q}_R^\# \times \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$

For any pair $(q^\#, r) \in slow^\#$ and any concrete state q such that $\beta^s(q) = q^\#$, there exists a rule index r' s.t. $(\max(k_r(q)), \min(k_{r'}(q))) \in Sep$.

Scale separation

- Refinement of the abstract semantics
- Theorem of soundness
- Property (computation of the parameter $slow^\sharp$ in the abstract)

Application to our case studies

- **Modeling assumptions**

$$\delta > 5$$

$$\rightarrow \delta > M_\infty$$

$$\rightarrow \delta > 2V_\infty$$

$$\rightarrow \delta > S$$

where S is the sum of the coefficients of the semi-positive constraints used as a mass preservation invariant

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- **Modeling assumptions**

Mass action stochastic law for the definition of the kinetic function

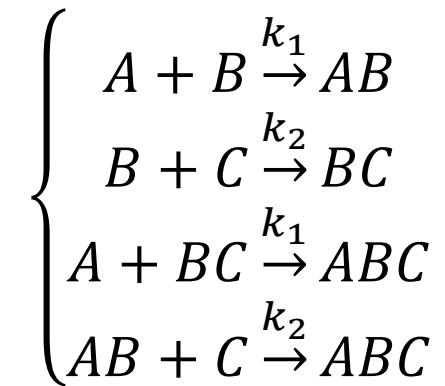
$$k_r(q) = a_r \times \prod_{x \in \nu} \left(\frac{q(x)!}{(q(x) - M_r(x))! M_r(x)!} \mid M_r(x) \neq 0 \right)$$

$$a_r = \delta^m \text{ with } 1 \leq m \leq p$$

Asynchronous updating policy

Application to the case study showing a sequestration effect

- Reaction scheme:



- Sequestration property

$$B_T \gg \max\{A_T, C_T\} \Rightarrow ABC_{eq} \ll 1$$

Application to the case study showing a sequestration effect

- Mass invariant

$$q(A) + q(AB) + q(ABC) = A_T$$

$$q(B) + q(AB) + q(BC) + q(ABC) = B_T$$

$$q(C) + q(BC) + q(ABC) = C_T$$

- Constantes cinétiques

$$a_{r1} = a_{r2} = a_{r3} = a_{r4} = 1$$

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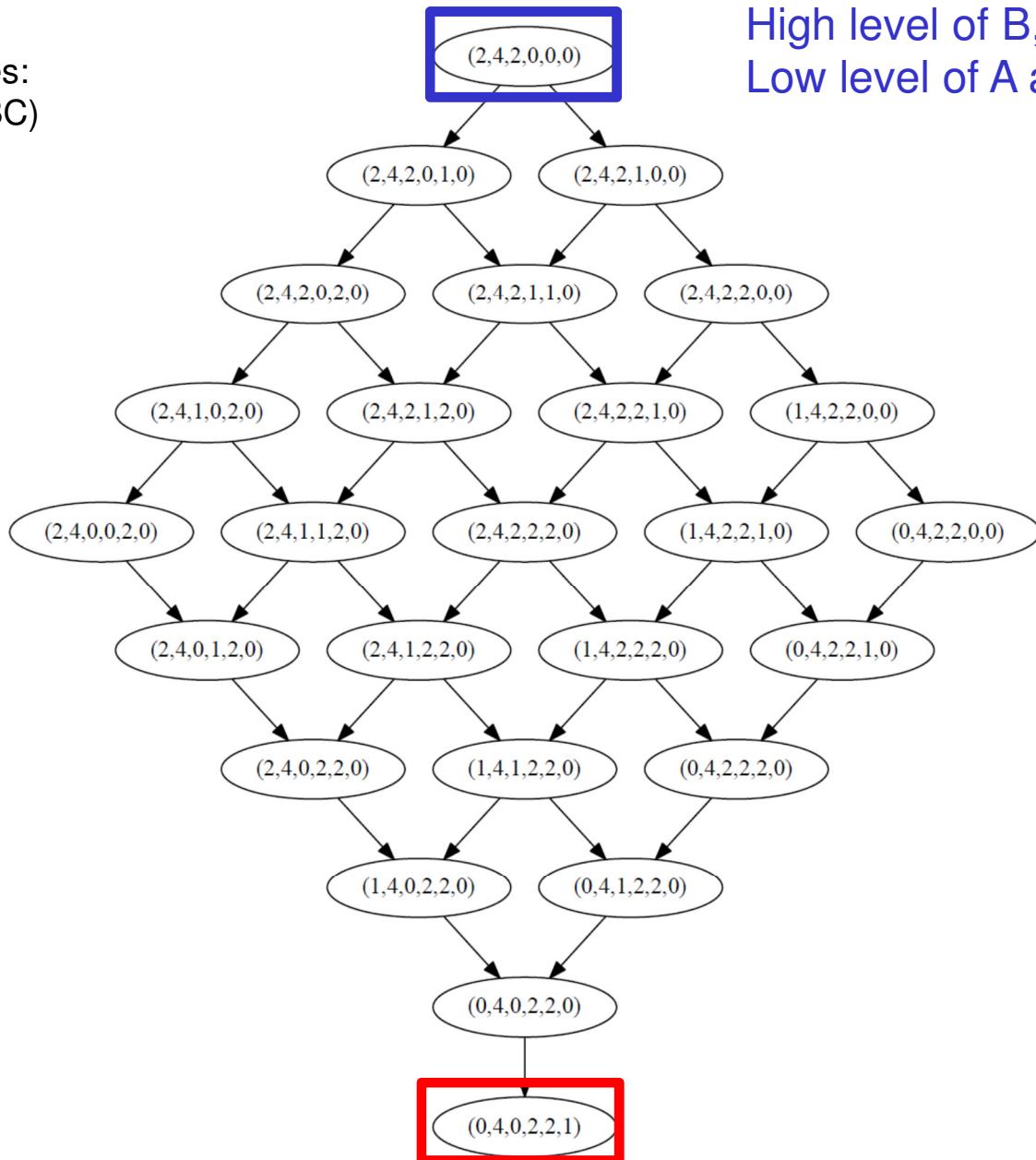
Order of the variables:
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$$C_T = 3\delta^2$$

High level of B,
Low level of A and C



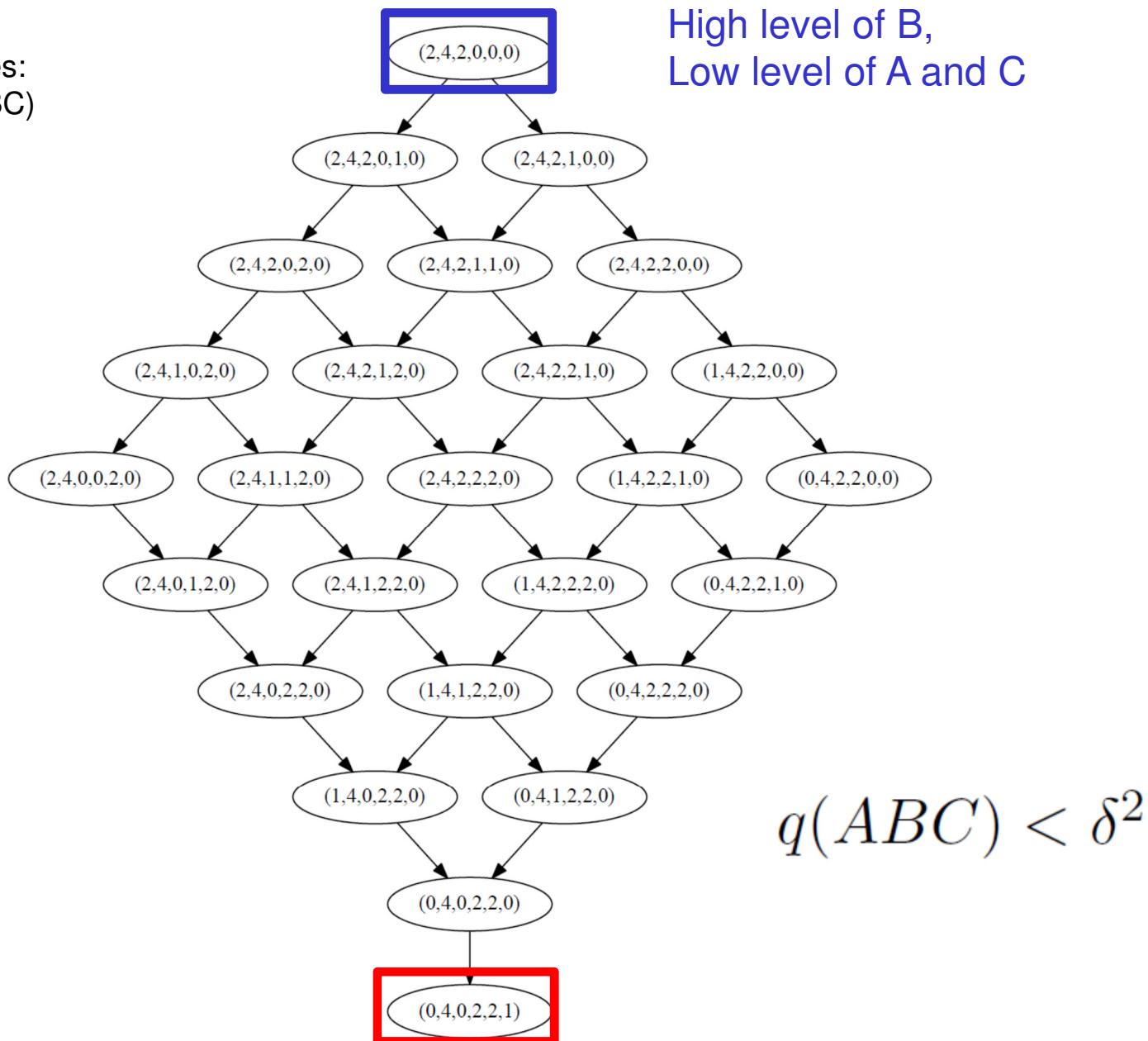
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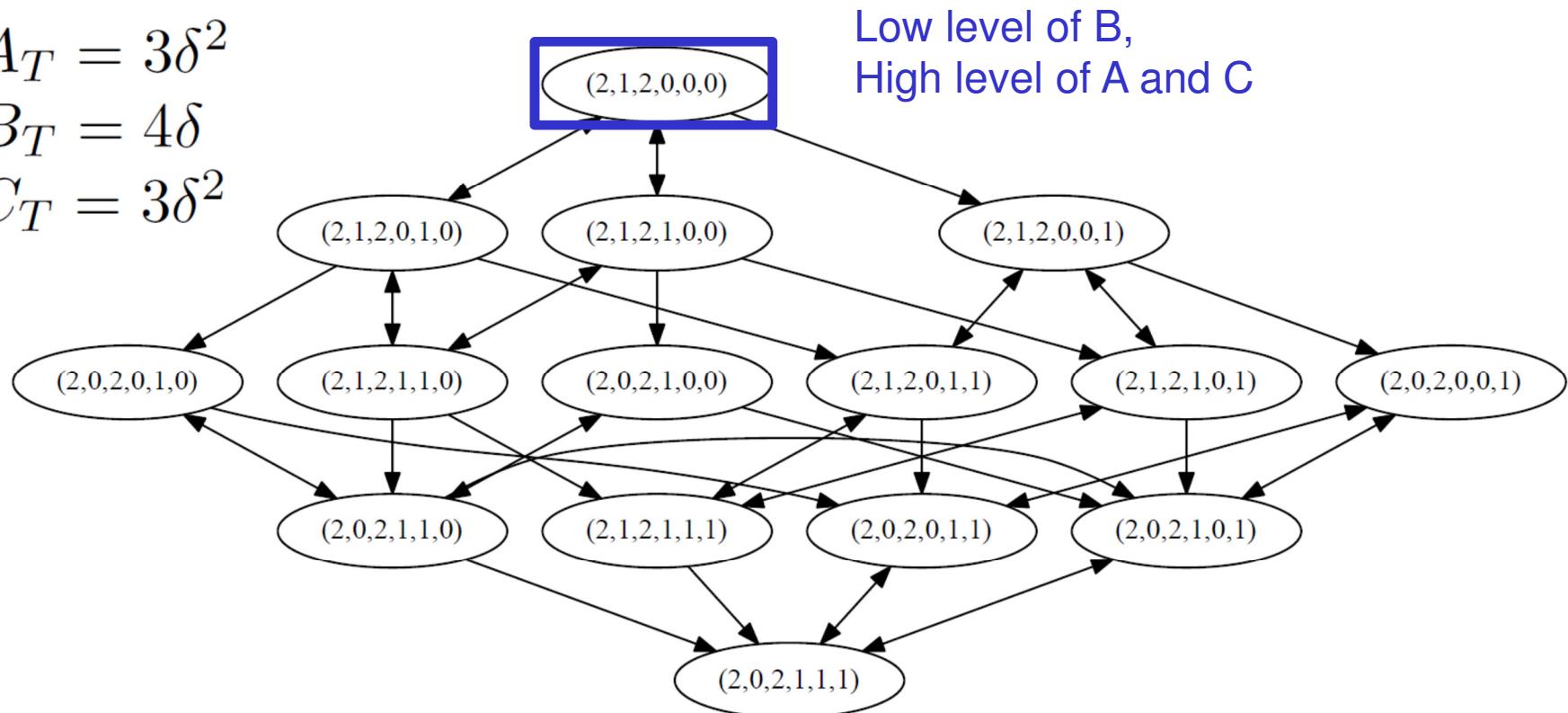
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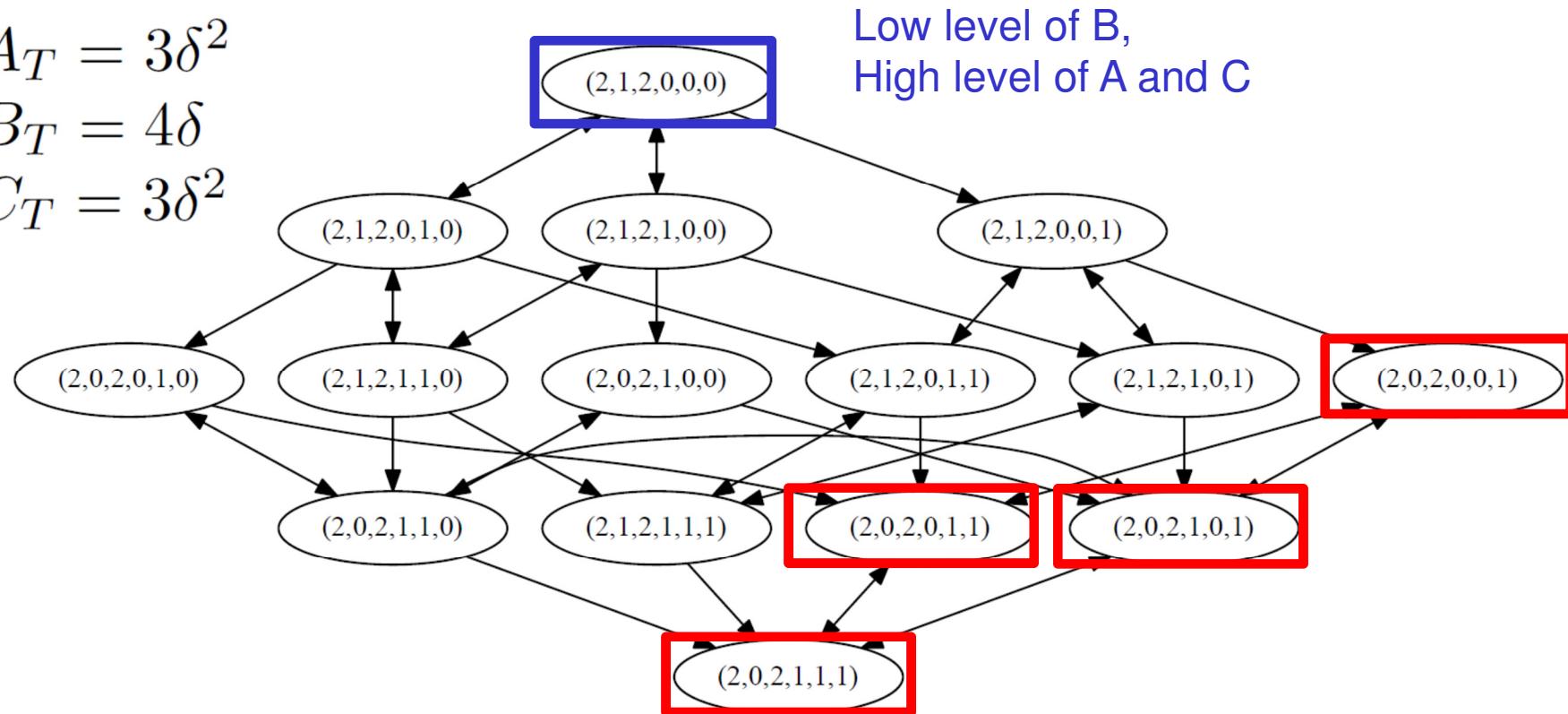
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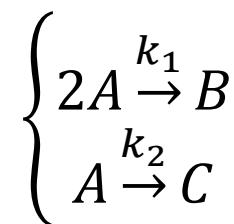
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Application to the case study showing a race between unary and binary reactions

- Reaction scheme



- Properties

$$k_2 \cdot A_{in} \ll k_1 \iff C_{eq} \gg B_{eq}$$

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Application to the case study showing a race between unary and binary reactions

- Mass invariant

$$q(A) + 2q(B) + q(C) = A_T$$

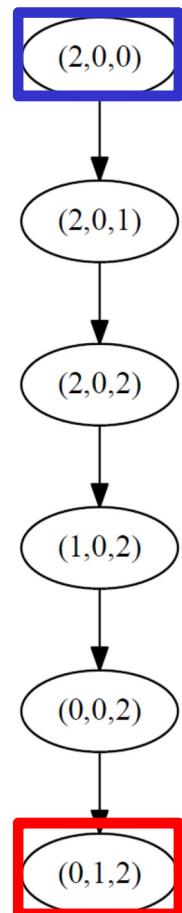
- Constantes cinétiques

$$a_{r1} = 1 \quad a_{r2} = \delta^4$$

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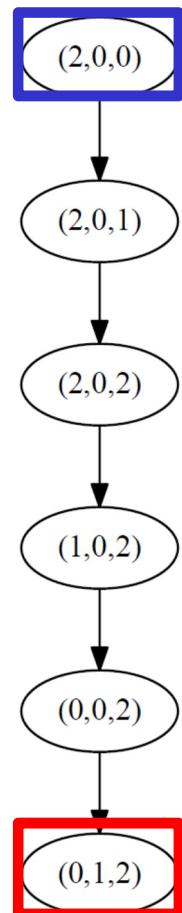
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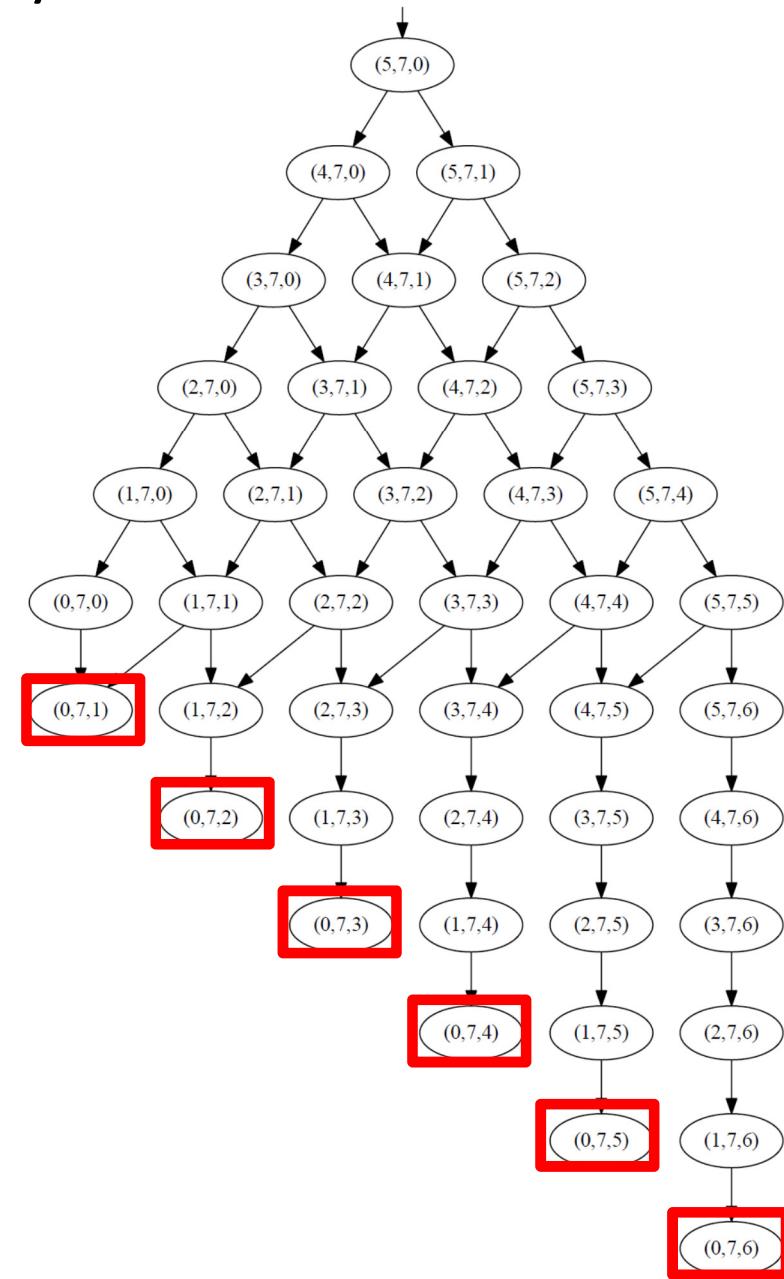
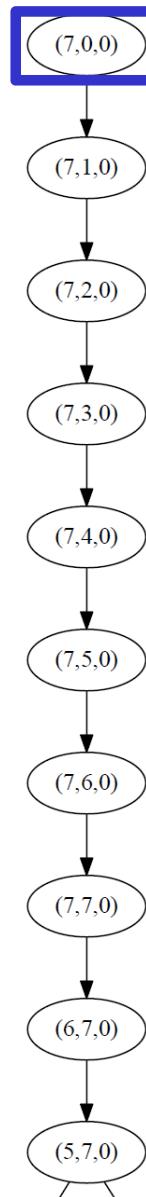


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Application to the case study showing a race between unary and binary reactions

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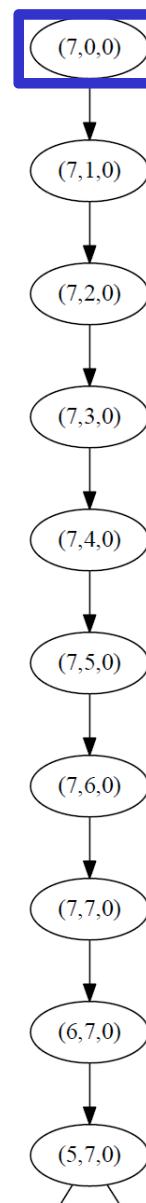
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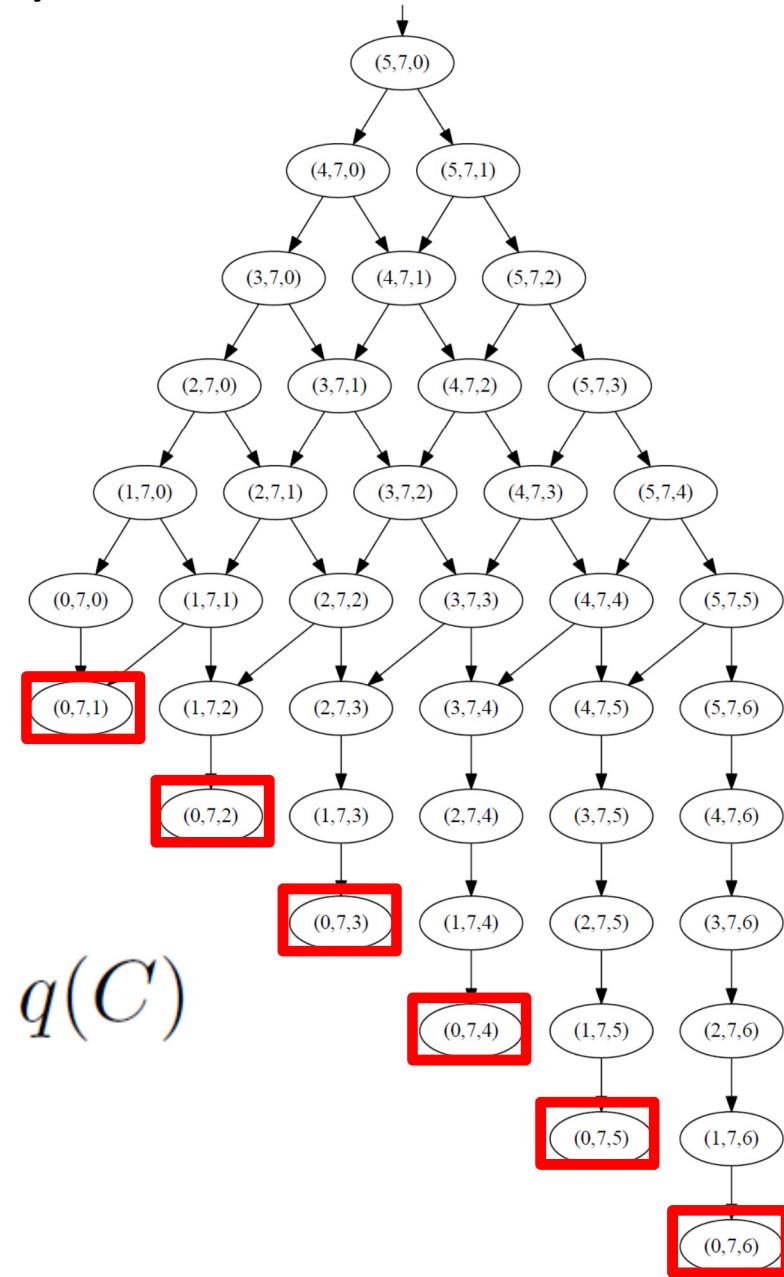
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Conclusion and prospects

- Setting of a formal and automatic method fo the derivation of an abstract semantics which accounts for the salient properties of our two case studies
- Prospects:
 - Identification of other refinements of the abstraction
 - Test on other case studies showing other properties of interest
 - Scaling up of the method

Thanks!